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Media Advisory

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to Host Community Walk in Remembrance of Hit-and-Run-Victims

On Saturday, September 8, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and members of the Empowerment Congress will lead a one-mile community walk in Willowbrook to call attention to the as yet unclaimed \$10,000-reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the hit-and-run driver who critically injured a seven-year old Ritter Elementary School student and took the life of her father.

On April 20, Jose Arreola, 38, and his daughter Angelica were walking along the crosswalk near Ritter Elementary, when the two were struck by a pearl-white Cadillac Escalade. The driver, who is described as a heavy set Hispanic male in his late 20's to early 30's, with short hair and a goatee, failed to yield to the Arreolas.

After striking the victims, the suspect fled the scene and drove westbound on Santa Ana Boulevard. The hit-and-run, which resulted in the death of Jose, has left Angelica in stable but critical condition. According to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, she suffered severe trauma to her head and has undergone brain surgery.

**Who: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
The Empowerment Congress**

What: Community Walk

Time: 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

When: Saturday, September 8, 2012

**Where: Intersection of Santa Ana Boulevard and Watts Avenue
(near Ritter Elementary School)**

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